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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PALLEY, IGOR

Examiner

Devin Hanan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 32-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 23-28 and 30-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21, 22 and 29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's arguments, see remarks, filed 1/30/06, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 21 and 22 under 35 USC 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Kalnay (U.S. Patent 7,766,623).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kalnay (U.S. Patent 6,766,623).

Kalnay discloses a turbine with one or more blades (figure 11, combination of segments 1103,1104,1105 forms one blade) constructed of discrete straight members (figure 11, segments 1103,1104,1105) of uniform cross section (each segment is identical) that are joined (joined using simple pin joints, col. 14 paragraph 1) to

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approximate a turbine blade of continuous compound curvilinear design (The side view of figure 11 shows curvature in one plane. The top view of figure 12 shows curvature in a different plane. The segments 1103 and 1105 attach to segment 1104 on different ends and on different sides so that the combination of segments looks to be in a U-shape when viewed from above. Since there are two different curves the apparatus approximates a compound curvilinear design).

Regarding claim 22, Kalnay discloses a turbine with one or more blades (figure 11) constructed of a continuous member (segments 1103, 1104, 1105 all contact one another) of uniform cross section formed into discrete straight sections (segments are separate) so that said formed continuous member approximates a turbine blade of continuous compound curvilinear design (The side view of figure 11 shows curvature in one plane. The top view of figure 12 shows curvature in a different plane. The segments 1103 and 1105 attach to segment 1104 on different ends and on different sides so that the combination of segments looks to be in a U-shape when viewed from above. Since there are two different curves in two different planes the apparatus approximates a compound curvilinear design).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20, 32-37 are allowed.

Claims 23-28 and 30-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art


The patent to Goldberg (U.S. Patent 5,405,246) was cited for its teaching of a compound curvilinear blade of uniform cross section, but it is not made out of discrete straight sections (figure 3).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devin Hanan whose telephone number is 571-272-6089. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on 571-272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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